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Title: Reduction in the allocation of wheat, rice, kerosene and LPG through PDS in Kerala.

SHRI P. KARUNAKARAN (KASARGOD): Mr. Speaker, Sir, I would like to invite the attention of the Government with regard to some serious problems prevailing in Kerala especially in the Public Distribution System. As you know well, Kerala is a State where a very efficient network of Public Distribution System is existing for a very long time. It is true that we can control price rise only with the assistance of PDS. But it is unfortunate that the Government of Kerala is unable to give sufficient quantity of foodgrains or essential commodities through these Fair Price Shops. It is because the Government of India has reduced the allocation of foodgrains especially rice, wheat, kerosene and LPG for the last six months. For example, in the case of rice, for both APL and BPL card holders there is a shortage of 20,000 tonnes per month for the last six months. The same is true in the case of other foodgrains also.

So, the Government of Kerala is finding it difficult to run these Fair Price Shops. The Managers of Fair Price Shops have also come to Delhi because they are unable to run these shops because they are not getting sufficient quantity of foodgrains in time. So, I request the Government to take immediate steps to allot the required quota of foodgrains to the State of Kerala.